MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. Attendance:

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Division Training Officers Meeting on 16 December 1955

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World communism training situation: The Chairman announced that possible changes in the Agency World Communism training program are being considered by OTR and CS elements. Conferences have resulted in a tentative approach to a new program. It is believed that training should consist of three phases: Intro ductory, intermediate, and advanced or specialized. The introductory phase would cover the origin, historical genesis, philosophies, precepts and language of international communism, and would be directed at a large student target including all EOD personnel. The second phase, would cover the world communisstructure, its strategy and tactics, and would be directed toward a more select student target of professional officers. The advanced phase, for selected DD/P students, would address itself to the peculiarities and modus operandi of acting against or within communist targets. While these three phases are under consideration, studies are being made with respect to substantive content of such a program, and thorough coordination will be made on any firm proposals.

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The language training will include the fundamental languages such as German, French and Spanish for which instructors may be made available. Those students studying less common languages will have tapes only made available to them.

- 4. Training Requests "duties" descriptions: The Chairman stated that training officers would facilitate and expedite the processing of training requests by carefully checking "duties" descriptions of prospective students. The statements should be accurate and precise, but with no revelation of sensitive information, such as project cryptonyms or description of operations and their locale.
- 5. <u>Maiver of Clandestine Operations</u> (Phase III) Training Prerequisites: The Chairman announced that a procedure for waivers is in the process of development. OTR agrees with the concept, but as yet has made no formal statement. Fundamentally, the proposal is that the Senior Staff Training Officers, in collaboration with Division Training Officers, will approve or disapprove waivers in memo form, on the basis of students work or training experience, at the time a training action occurs. Copies of the memos will be forwarded to Division Training Officers, the OTR Registrax, and the Office of Personnel.

Waivers are not to be granted on present backlog but on future trainees. Eventually the Operations Familiarization course will become a straight six weeks course.

- 6. Forecast of FY \$\frac{1}{2}6, \$\frac{1}{2}7\$ and \$\frac{1}{2}8\$ training requirements: The Chairman stated that OTR is working on a final draft of training support estimates forms for FY \$\frac{1}{2}6\$, \$\frac{1}{2}7\$ and \$\frac{1}{2}8\$. The reports forms will include all OTR courses, as well as courses offered by other Agancy elements. While the OTR deadline is March 1956 for the final report, the Chairman suggested to Division Training Officers that their reports would be required at an earlier date, so that the CSTC could review them before they are sent to OTR.
- 7. Training Officer's Title: The consensus was that the symbol to be used by training officers would be "TRO" and not TLO.
- 8. EOD Training Program Regulation: The Chairman stated that Agency Regulations was under revision. The revised version will standardize procedures for registrations, exemptions, waivers and the pre-test program as well as state the general training policy for all Agency EOD s. The regulation, in final draft form should be released by the end of January 1956 for component coordination.

9. Action Cours	gg: Beginning 6 February and running for 13 weeks, OTR
will undertake to cro	ss-train a group of instructors
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	area divisions are invited to enroll students in the
entire course, or may	register them for one or more packages. Registration

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will be at least ten (10) days before beginning date of course. No formal training will be scheduled for during the conduct of this course, so it is recommended that training officers plan accordingly. Names of proposed students should be forwarded to C/CSTC <sup>0</sup> s office at an early date. An announcement giving dates and details will be distributed in the near future.
10. Plans are under way to establish sub-units of the Agency Reserve components for students in training there. Instructors and students with Reserve affiliation can participate in an inactive duty training program for which official reserve status credits may be given.
11. The Chairman stated that registration for the Summer Intensive Language Study Program in less usual languages was extremely lowonly one candidate from DD/P and one from DD/I. He requested that training officers resurvey their elements requirements and that they submit positive or negative reports by 1 February 1956. An announcement on this will be issued.
12. spoke briefly on the CE situation, saying that OTR had decided that the CE course would be four weeks, instead of three, thereby extending the time for interrogation. There would be no BCE training pre-requisites for the course.
13. The Chairman announced that the OTR Christmas Party would be Thursday, 22 December, beginning at 1600. The Chairman is writing the DD/P's message to D/TR, which the DD/P will deliver personally, and asked the training officers to forward suggestions to him by 19 December.
14. The FI Senior Staff Training Officer announced that her office is now located in Room 1304 "K" Building. The telephone extension remains the same.
15. The Chairman stated that WPSOC which is scheduled for 23 January will be a two week course, running only through 3 February. While this is an experiment, should the shortened course be a success OTR will plan to run it on a permanent basis.

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